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COMMERCIAL USE OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to make commercial use of airports in the country particularly Mehsana and Disha Airports in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) Mehsana airport belongs to State Government of Gujarat and Disha belongs to Airports Authority of India (AAI). There is no plan for development of Mehsana and Disha airports presently. However, the city side development of select 24 Non-Metro airports out of 35 non-metro airports taken up for development in the 11th Five Year Plan is being undertaken in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with a view to maximize commercial i.e., non-aeronautical revenue. Three of these airports namely Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Vadodara airports are in Gujarat.

Airports (State-wise) selected for city side development through (PPP) are Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; Guwahati in Assam; Raipur in Chhattisgarh; Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Vadodara in Gujarat; Ranchi in Jharkhand; Trivandrum in Kerala; Mangalore in Karnataka; Aurangabad in Maharashtra; Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh; Dimapur in Nagaland; Bhubaneswar in Orissa; Amritsar in Punjab; Jaipur and Udaipur in Rajasthan; Madurai and Trichy in Tamil Nadu; Agartala in Tripura; Lucknow and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh and Dehradun in Uttarakhand.